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**CENTER of EXCELLENCE**  
**for**  
**MARINE-BASED LABORATORIES**  
**and**



***INVITES YOU TO A***  
**Strategic Planning and Network Building Meeting**  
**for**  
**Marine-Based Laboratories and Aquaria**

**Place:** Labs21 Conference, St. Louis, MO  
Adams Mark Hotel  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Director's Row, Room 46

**Time:** Monday, October 4, 2004 3:30 - 5:00 PM

**Purpose:** The purpose for this upcoming meeting is two-fold:

1. To bring together organizations and individuals that own, occupy, manage, operate, design and engineer marine-based laboratories and aquaria
2. To create a collaborative, working network to share, collect and disseminate information, expertise and resources, to research and develop advanced design and engineering techniques for marine laboratories and aquaria that will minimize the resource and environmental impacts of these facilities.

The University of Hawaii, in collaboration with the Labs21 Program, has established this Center of Excellence to bring a special focus to the issues and opportunities that are specific to aquaria, research and teaching marine-based laboratories. This is the first time that a center has been dedicated specifically to improving the design and operational efficiencies of these unique facilities. This session builds upon the success from the 2003 meeting that took place at the Labs21 conference in Denver, CO.

Representatives from the various roles and disciplines associated with marine-based labs and aquaria, such as administrators, scientists, architects, design and operational engineers, industry specialist and equipment suppliers will be valuable partners in the Center of Excellence. We hope that you will be able to join us for this exciting new partners session in St. Louis.